# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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**Together Towards Success** With our AIM Values



#### **Diary Dates**

Term Ends Friday 18th July

School Finishes 2.15pm (one hour early)

Pupils return after the summer break on

Wednesday 3rd September

New Reception Pupils will be issued staggered appointment and start dates

#### Twitter / X & Insta



#### **PSHE** Theme



# **Together Towards Success**

What a final two weeks we have had in school! The events, activities and results have all been outstanding. Here is a breathtaking summary of what we have been up to!

#### Summer Fair Success

Thank you to everyone that supported our summer fair. We raised over £2200!



#### Woodcroft is top of the class!

Yet again, Woodcroft pupils have achieved top results! Take a look below at the number of pupils passing their reading, writing and maths tests at Woodcroft compared to both Barnet and England averages.

Pupils passing reading, writing and maths in the 2025 KS2 SATs: Woodcroft 80%\*

Barnet 69%

England 62%

\*this figure of 80% will increase to 84%\* when adjusted for pupils who recently joined the school.

Woodcroft achieved over 20% higher than the average for the whole of England! These consistently strong outcomes demonstrate the high quality of education that pupils receive at Woodcroft Primary School.

#### Year 6 Arts Award Portfolios

Year 6 pupils have now completed the final assignments and

submitted their portfolios to Trinity College London. They will now be assessed to determine whether they have achieved the prestigious Arts Award. One of their final activities last week was an African drumming session with internationally acclaimed

musician Abas from One Drum



#### Woodcroft Success Continues - A Message from the Chair of Governors

As the academic year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has made this year at Woodcroft so exceptional and to thank everyone who made it possible.

Since joining the Governing Body in 2019, I have had the privilege of seeing how the school lives its ethos, "Together Towards Success", in everything it does. I've seen the building blocks being laid day by day in lessons, at play, in after-school clubs and performances. The dedication of staff and the effort of pupils are visible everywhere.

This year has seen achievements across all areas of school life that we all should feel proud of. Here are just a few highlights:

- Woodcroft achieved its best-ever Key Stage 2 SATs results, with an 84%\* combined score (adjusted for recent arrivals). This is well above the Barnet and national averages and reflects not just one year of effort, but the impact of strong teaching and support throughout the school.

- The Dance Team won the UDO National Street Dance Championship and reached the national finals of the Great Big Dance Off after being crowned London champions. Their energy, precision and commitment have been incredible.

- Class 6C were named Top Class in London in Times Tables Rock Stars, beating over 2,600 classes. This is part of a capital-wide competition that celebrates maths fluency, speed, and determination.

- Year 4 pupils achieved a high average score in the national Multiplication Tables Check, showing excellent maths recall and resilience.

- Pupils in years 1 & 2 excelled in the national Phonics Screening Checks, demonstrating the school's strong approach to early reading and literacy.

- The recent WOW Factor talent shows allowed pupils to showcase their singing, dancing, gymnastics, and musical performances. These events celebrated creativity and build confidence.

- Our Sports Day, 'The Values Games', had teams representing each of the school's core values, and was a fantastic way to see the school's ethos in action.

- The Summer Fair brought families together, raising funds and creating a real sense of community spirit.

- Pupils across the school took part in music performances, including Year 3's ukulele concert and violin and strings showcases. Our choir has even performed at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the borough's gala concert.

- Year 6 ended their time at Woodcroft with a fantastic production of The Jungle Book, showing confidence, teamwork and pride to complete their learning journey.

These achievements are not isolated moments. They are the result of sustained effort, belief, and care. From the introduction of our Expanding Worlds Curriculum to innovations like Sounds Write Phonics and the Kinetic Letters handwriting programme, the school continues to find new ways to challenge and inspire pupils. This is often made difficult because of the funding crisis affecting schools.

As governors, we see the impact of this dedication every day. We know that worthwhile things can be hard work. But this year has proved again and again that it is worth it.

To all staff, pupils, parents, carers and volunteers: thank you for everything you bring to this community. We are proud to support such a remarkable school.

Looking ahead, the school will continue to build on its strengths academically, creatively and as a community. Woodcroft remains committed to inclusion, high expectations, and nurturing the individual strengths of every child. Whether through curriculum innovation, values-led teaching, or support for pupils with additional needs, the school's direction is clear and confident.

We look forward to another year of working **Together Towards Success**.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer,

Robert Kulawik Chair of Governors Woodcroft Primary School

#### The Jungle Book - Year 6 Leavers Production

What a show! Year 6 performed their version of The Jungle book in a series of outstanding performances last week.



#### **Musical Concerts**

We hosted two exceptional musical showcases last week. On Monday Y3 performed to parents, demonstrating their ukulele skills developed over a year of whole class instrumental tuition with Mr Hughes. Then on Thursday, our violinists performed their repertoire of pieces with Mrs Mclean our BEAT Instrumental Tutor.



If you are interested in your child learning to play a musical instrument visit our website for more information:

https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/music-tuition/

### School Council - Road Safety Poster Project

The School Council set the school a challenge to design a road safety poster. This followed Road Safety Week assemblies and a discussion about the importance of keeping safe on the roads. At their school meeting on 1st July pupils judged all of the submissions and have chosen a selection to be used on display throughout the school.

Four examples are printed below, but take a look at the rest of their amazing work by clicking this link https://www.woodcroft.barnet.sch.uk/school-council-road-safety-challenge/



#### **Woodcroft Festival of Arts**

On Monday we celebrated the depth of talent at Woodcroft with performances from our Dance Team, Cheerleaders and the WOW Factor winners. What a show!





#### **EYFS Garden Project**



This year, the Early Years have been working hard on their environmentally sustainable garden; growing tomatoes, beans, courgettes and marrows as well as some pretty flowers!

On Tuesday, 15th July, we were honoured to welcome the judges from Finchley Nurseries as part of the Young Gardeners competition. They visited to admire our flourishing garden and engage with our young gardeners, learning about their experiences and progress on their gardening journey. We look forward to meeting them again in October when we attend the Young Gardeners Award Ceremony held at Sunnyfields Primary School in Hendon.



#### Sad Goodbyes

I am very sad to inform you that we shall be saying goodbye to three of our excellent teaching assistants at the end of this term; Miss Perez, Mrs Gheorghian and Miss Angel.

Miss Angel, who has supported Year 3 this year, and Mrs Gheorghian, who has supported Reception have both gone above and beyond the call of duty this year and will be sorely missed by their classes. Miss Perez has been with Woodcroft for seven years and has been an outstanding member of our Early Years Team.

We wish them all well in their next appointments and hope that they keep in touch.



#### Mapac Uniform - Order Online Before 31st July for September Delivery



Mapac, our uniform supplier, has informed us that orders need to be placed by 31st July for guaranteed delivery before September. Visit our new Mapac webpage here: http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodcroftprimaryha80gf

#### **Pokemon Club Tournament Finals**



Congratulations to Daria and Jonathan (Y5) who won the summer term Pokemon Club tournament final in a close game against Reece (Y6). Members of the lunchtime club have been scoring points all term in their weekly matches. The pupils with the most points then played off in the finals this week.



## Chess Club Final



The Woodcroft chess final took place today, with our two most consistent and prolific chess players going head to head for the coveted title of Woodcroft chess player of the year 2025. Maxim (4S) and Daniel (5R) clashed in what can only be described as a nail-biting, epic contest which kept the viewing public on the edge of their seats. Alas, Maxim came out the humble and deserved victor, with Daniel displaying a wonderful act of sportsmanship with a shake of the hand, congratulating his opponent. Well done to both finalists, and all chess members for a fantastic season.



This is what the club members has to say about our fist ever crochet club at Woodcroft:

Niharika 3R: I loved Crochet Club because I liked making chains and a magic ring.

Anayah K 3R: I liked learning how to make lots of things!

Layla 3M: Thank you for opening Crochet Club! I have enjoyed it so much. I liked when we made bracelets and necklaces.

Mohamed 3M: I enjoyed the club from the start all the way to the end. I can't believe we learnt how to tie a slip knot and create our own bracelets.

Ella 4S: I have enjoyed learning how to make a double chain and a magic ring. The teachers are very nice and help us if we are stuck.

Delia 4S: I really liked the activities that we did. Thank you for being there for us every week. Olivia 4T: I loved it when we used our yarn and made a flower.

Naziha 4T: I loved when we made cardboard shapes and wrapped the yarn around it. Thank you Crochet Club!



# Barnet Council Summer Activity Scheme Barnet Active Creative Engaging holidays - BACE

Free holiday club activities are available for eligible\* children in Barnet – from Reception to Year 11!

HOLIDAYS

## Summer BACE 2025 are now open for bookings

BACE Holiday Activities / Camps run throughout the Summer Holidays from: 28 July 2025 to 29 August 2025. Visit for more information about the scheme <a href="https://barnetyouth.uk/BACE-Holidays">https://barnetyouth.uk/BACE-Holidays</a>

Summer BACE 2025 vouchers were delivered to pupil premium eligible families last week.

#### Who is eligible?

Children who are eligible for **benefit-related** Free School Meals can attend a maximum of 16 fully funded activities/days throughout the Summer Holidays.

If you are registered as eligible on the Woodcroft system then you will have been automatically issued with a 16 digit BACE Holiday e-Voucher Code on Friday 4th July. If you do not receive your voucher, but believe that you are eligible, then visit the office or check your Arbor account to ensure we have you recorded correctly.

#### What is a BACE Holiday?

BACE Holidays is organised and run by <u>Barnet Council</u> and <u>Young Barnet Foundation</u> and fully funded by the Department for Education. BACE holidays support children and young people in Reception -Year 11 who receive benefit-related Free School Meals by providing a range of fun activities at a variety of venues across the borough.

BOOK NOW

https://barnetyouth.uk/Events?CalendarID=153

To view the digital brochure click here:

https://barnetyouth.uk/uploads/files/187/BC3142-BACE-Summer-brochure-2022-DIGITAL1.pdf

# Summer Library Reading Challenge



Barnet Libraries are running a brand-new **Barnet Summer Read** over the holidays. It's called **Barnet Book Detectives**, and children aged 4 to 11 years are invited to read 6 library books in order to receive rewards and some clues to solve the mystery of the 'Book Crook'.

Sign up for **Barnet Book Detectives** at the library during <u>staffed hours</u> from Saturday 5 July, and receive a book journal packed with activities. In their Book Detectives Journal, children can log their summer reading journey, write reviews, follow a mystery trail, solve a code buster, and much more. There is also an exciting prize draw.

Mystery-themed activities for children are taking place in all our libraries over the summer, including an <u>RAF Museum event</u> and an opportunity to <u>Solve a WW2 Mystery</u> <u>with author Helen Peters</u>. To find out more, pick up a Creative Communities programme from the library, or <u>check our events online</u>.

Parents and carers can also <u>sign up to receive the Families eNewsletter</u> to find out about the very latest Barnet Libraries book news and events.

See you at the library this summer, then take your rewards into school to show your new teacher in September!

Barnet Libraries, and the Book Crook



#### Woodcroft Primary School School Term and Holiday Dates - 2025/26

#### AUTUMN TERM 2025

#### <u>Autumn #1</u>

Pupils Return Wednesday 3 September 2025

Half-Term Holiday Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October 2025

<u>Autumn #2</u>

Pupils return Monday 3 November

Final Day of Term Friday 19 December 2025

Christmas Holiday Monday 22 December – Monday 5 January 2025

Spring #1 2026

#### **SPRING TERM 2026**

Pupils Return Tuesday 6 January 2026

Half-Term Holiday Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February 2026

Spring #2 2026

Pupils Return Monday 23 February

Final Day of Term Friday 27 March 2026

School Easter Holiday 30 March - 13 April 2026 (Easter Weekend 3 April - 6 April)

Summer #1 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026

Pupils Return Tuesday 14 April 2026

May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on Monday 4 May 2026

Half-Term Holiday Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May 2026 (Bank Holiday 25 May 2026)

Summer #2 2026

Pupils Return Monday 1 June

Last day of Term Friday 17 July 2026





We have already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, however there can always be issues that are out of our control. With this in mind please order as early as possible, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority! Please place orders as soon as possible – This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in good time, as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.

> Thank you and have a great summer! The Mapac Team



The Birthday Book Club

We are always happy to hear about pupils who have enjoyed recent birthdays. You are able to celebrate by donating a book to their Class Library.



**Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Yasin (1S) age 6 and Damian (2B) age 7** 



# **ACORNS CLUB**

Open every evening during term time from 3:15pm - 5.45 pm For pupils from Year R\* to Year 6

| Arts & Crafts | Chromebooks | Homework | Games |

## After School Care Provision at Woodcroft

We are now offering places in our after school club for Woodcroft pupils. Parents are able to register their child, and then book them into the club for either a  $\frac{1}{2}$  session at a cost £6.50 per child, or a full session at a cost of £10.00 per child.

A snack will be included in the price. Please note, the school does not make a profit from Acorns.

Collection is from the Oak Suite Gate by calling the Acorns After School Club number.

If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After School Club they will need to be added to the register. To do this, please contact the school by telephone, or e-mail. If you have any questions then call the office and we will gladly give you any further information required.

Children are picked up from class at the end of the day by one of our Acorns staff. Children will still get involved in a variety of activities and learn new skills whilst enjoying themselves, in a safe and secure environment.

#### What next:

- 1. If you are interested in your child attending Acorns After-School Club please register by calling the school office.
- 2. Once registered you will be able to book sessions in advance via the Arbor App.
- The charges are as follows:
  3:15 4:30pm = £6.50 ½ Session (1 hour 15 min) until 4.30pm
  3:15 6.00pm = £10.00 Full session (2 hours 45 mins) until 6.00pm
- 4. If you arrive after the allocated time you will be charged a £2.00 late collection fee.
- 5. Light refreshments are included in the price.

#### Acorns After-School Club is run at Woodcroft, by Woodcroft, for Woodcroft

\*Reception pupils are only accepted once they are settled in to school

# **Annual Attendance Champions**

Every week we celebrate the best class attained attendance in assembly. We have now collated the results and can announce that the top 3 classes for 2024-25 are ...

# 1st Place 4T 🏆

2nd Place 6C

## **3rd Place 2B**



# Successful SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Our final SEND coffee morning of the year was a time to reflect on what works well to support our SEND pupils, and areas of need that we may want to explore in the future. Thank you to the parents who attended and showed such a positive, supportive attitude.



# BPSS Community Newsletter Summer 2 2025

### WELCOME ...

to the Summer Term 2 BPSS Community Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading what local opportunities are available for your children and young people during the upcoming summer holidays.

Download your copy here ... https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/2025/07/ 15232716/BPSS-Community-Newsletter-Summer-2-2025.pdf

Check out our local Children's Centres summer holiday timetables by clicking the link below



https://cdn.realsmart.co.uk/25c98ca8121dcecef8a222e01ee12a53/uploads/20 25/07/16175400/west\_locality\_summer\_holidays\_timetable\_2025.pdf





# Whisk it up!

**VOUTH** REALITIES

Every Thursday from the 31st of July to the 28th of August



Session 1 (11-13 year olds): 10 am - 12 noon Session 2 (14-16 year olds): 1 pm - 3 pm

Come join us for a free cooking/baking session!

Female only cooking classes!

Graeme Park Community Centre The Concourse NW9 5XA Contact: nekhena@youthrealities.co.uk 07709245098